

Opening of Soldier Hollow Venue Set for January 15th

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able to see the racers," Aalberg said.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, the qualification races will start at 9:00 a.m. and the finals will start at 1:00 p.m.

The U.S. National Cross-Country team will be a favorite among the racers at this event. The Canadian team will be equal to the U.S. team and are also favored in the race.

The event is free to the public and there will be ample parking. Aalberg suggested that spectators car pool.

The following Saturday, Jan. 15, at 1:00 p.m., festivities for the opening of the venue and the closing ceremonies will take place.

Skydivers will start things off after free-falling for 20 seconds. They will then open the American, Olympic, and Utah flags.

Lindsay Probst, of Midway, the daughter of Joe and Marsha Probst, will be singing the National Anthem. The program will also feature the Wasatch High School Madrigals under the direction of Jamie Belnap. From Midway Elementary, 150 students from the combined fourth and fifth grades will also be singing. People on horses and sleighs will bring in the sounds of

Midway with thousands of bells.

On Monday, Jan. 10, a dinner banquet will be held for the athletes and their coaches and is open to the public. Tickets for the dinner can be purchased at Books and Beyond in Midway for \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. There are only 250 tickets, so get them early.

Awards will be handed out to the athletes who have placed in the final races and each athlete will receive a "dream catcher." The dream catcher will be explained by Native American dancers and guests who will also attend the banquet. The banquet will be held at the Midway Town Hall and will feature local talent. The Wasatch Dance Center under the direction of Sierra Moreno, "One Voice," a local singing group, and Susan Kohler will also be in attendance.

On Thursday, Jan. 13th, there will also be a dinner for the coaches and athletes at the Homestead, but this is not open to the public.

Remember, if anyone is interested in coming to the dinner on Monday, don't forget to pick up tickets at Books and Beyond. Also, remember to come out to the festivities on Jan. 15th. Get there early and watch the race, then stay for the opening of the 2002 Olympic venue.

Events Scheduled

Wasatch High School Boys Basketball, Friday, January 7, 2000 at WHS

The boys basketball team will face Uintah for the first region game of the season! Come out and support Wasatch High School.

Wasatch High School Girls Basketball, Friday, January 7, 2000 at WHS

The Lady Wasps will start off their millennium with a trip to Ben Lomond. If you can travel with the girls to cheer them on.

Wasatch High School Wrestling, Jan. 7-8 at Uintah Tournament

Another tournament is rising for the Wasatch wrestling team. This is going to be another tough tournament for the grapplers, but both coaches have high hopes for these wrestlers. They will start the tournament on Jan. 7th and finish on the 8th.

Wasatch High School Swimming, Friday Jan. 7th at the University of Utah

After a long winter break and a streak that went on forever at Wasatch High School, the Wasatch swim team will finally kick off their new year at the University of Utah.

Wasatch High School Swimming, Tuesday, Jan. 11th at Wasatch Middle School

The Wasatch swim team will host another dual meet as they take on Judge Memorial High School at the Wasatch Middle School swimming pool on Jan. 11th. The meet will start at 4 p.m.

Community Events at the Middle School, Monday-Saturdays, Non-School hours, at Wasatch Middle School.

Wasatch County School District in cooperation with the Wasatch County Parks and Recreation Department has made it possible for county resident's to use the Middle School facilities as a community center. A variety of activities including lap swim, racquetball, open swim, open gym and water aerobics are available for a nominal fee.

Moms and Tots Playgroup, Thursday mornings, 10:30a.m.- 12:30p.m. Heber City Park

For mothers and their infant to pre-school age children, this is an opportunity to meet other mothers and let your children socialize with kids of the same age. While the children play, mothers can enjoy adult conversation. Each week there is also a handout or short presentation on current parenting issues. When the weather turns colder the group will meet in the chil

Wave's editorial position

Welcome To Soldier Hollow

This Saturday marks the start of the Chevy Truck U.S. Cross Country Championships at Soldier Hollow—Wasatch County's first national ski competition.

More than 100 athletes are expected to compete in the week-long event, a prelude to next year's World Cup Championships and 2002's Winter Olympics.

Much preparation has preceded this week's competition. Scores of community leaders, volunteers, Olympic organizers and ordinary citizens have played crucial roles in making Soldier Hollow a reality.

Soldier Hollow has been described by some as the best cross-country venue in North America, surpassing Lake Placid, New York, site of the 1932

and 1980 Winter Games, and Canmore, Canada, site of the cross-country, biathlon venue in 1988.

Soldier Hollow is already well-known in skiing circles, especially by the Europeans who revere the sport. In fact, cross-country skiing and biathlon are national pastimes, as popular to Scandinavians as basketball is to Americans.

Soldier Hollow, as well as Heber Valley, will receive national and international attention beginning this week, reaching a crescendo in two years, but the real story will be in the men and women who will compete at the venue. Their struggles, triumphs, and failures are the real reason for why Soldier Hollow exists.

Welcome to our valley.

Flag Is More Than A Piece Of Cloth

Editor: For the last several years, I've been volunteering my time at JR Smith Elementary School, teaching the fourth and fifth graders about the flag history and protocol. I've taught them the history of the flag, the proper manner of folding it, taking care of it, and how to raise it in the morning and to lower it after the duty day.

I have also worked with the Cub Scouts in my ward on how to do a proper flag ceremony at pack meetings.

Mr. Case, the principal at JR

color guard, was usually a young soldier, probably 10 years old. That would be the age of these fifth graders. As long as the soldiers could see the flag they knew the battle was going their way. So the first person usually taken out of the battle was the color guard. I've told these students that a lot of young people lost their lives guarding the flag. So they have a very serious legacy to follow.

The discouraging thing is, I don't think the adults in Heber Valley show the same respect to the flag that the children do. I've seen the flag used as a tablecloth. I've seen it flying 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in all kinds of

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When some of these people are approached they respond with, "Well, it's just another piece of cloth. Who cares?"

To these people I would like to ask the following question: